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## A NEW TAX

STATE GRANGE HAS TWO  
BILLS TO INTRODUCE.

Revenue Proposed for the Benefit of the State—Sleeping car, Refrigerator car, Oil, Express, Telephone, Telegraph, Cos. Will Be Taxed.

Portland, Jan. 20.—Two more measures will be presented to the voters of Oregon next June, and in all probability they will become laws of the state. They are radical and sweeping in their provisions and if carried will yield an immense revenue. These two measures, reprinted herewith, were authorized by the Oregon State Grange at the last annual session held in Forest Grove last May. These laws were introduced in the State Grange in the form of resolutions urging their adoption and were adopted unanimously.

It is proposed to initiate laws to provide additional revenue for state purposes; to levy a license on the gross earnings of sleeping-car companies, refrigerator-car companies, oil companies, express companies or corporations, telephone companies and telegraph companies or corporations doing business in Oregon. The bills were very specific in defining the manner of ascertaining the amount of such gross earnings and provide severe penalties for violating the provisions of the act. They also define the meaning of the names of the various corporations or companies and otherwise hedge them about in such a manner that the provisions of the two laws cannot be easily evaded.

The history of these two bills is well known among the members of the Grange, but their existence has been a secret to all outsiders up to the present time. They are made public at this time only for the reasons that the petitions for their initiative have been completed by the signatures of enough legal voters of the state to insure their places on the ballot.

The petitions are being gathered in and in a few days will be handed in the various county clerks for verification. Each name will be scrutinized and compared with the registration and poll books of the last election, and it will be a safe statement that only legal voters will be found to have signed them.

One of the most prominent lawyers of the state, R. P. Boise, is the sponsor of the bill which proposes to tax telephone and telegraph companies. The other was introduced by another prominent lawyer.

That they are both iron-clad and legal in every phase is certain. The attention of the State Grange was attracted to the formulating of these bills by the statement that the Standard Oil Company doing business in Marion county, was only paying a tax of \$4.50 upon a business of \$300,000 in one year. This fact was brought to the attention of the Grange by its agents and committees and at almost every gathering the subject was discussed. The reason why there are two separate bills is because the proposed rate of taxation is different, one being 2 per cent and the other 3.

Grant's Pass, Or., Jan. 19.—(Correspondence of the Oregonian.) Dora Jennings, who is on trial for the murder of her father is a sick girl.

She was taken ill after court adjourned yesterday afternoon and spent the greater part of today resting. There was a regular blizzard here Thursday. Snow fell to the depth of several inches and in walking back and forth to the courtroom Dora took a severe cold. It is not believed to be so bad, however that her illness will prevent resuming her trial tomorrow morning.

The jury, District Attorney Reames, and two deputies accompanied the jurors to the scene of the crime. They left early this morning, but, owing to the bad roads caused by an almost continuous rain and a heavy fall of snow, the party did not return to Grant's Pass until late this evening. The trip was a severe one and the jurors were exceedingly glad to get back to the warm jury room in the

courthouse.

The jury was shown the Jennings cabin where Newton M. Jennings was shot to death January 7. They also visited the cabin in which Jasper Jennings and his hunkie, Harvey, stayed. While at Granite Hill with the jury, the deputies served subpoenas upon the witnesses who are to testify at the trial.

Since the conviction of Jasper Jennings there has been a persistent rumor that sensational developments will come out during Dora's trial. There is every reason to believe that the murder of old man Jennings had been planned and that not all of those who were implicated in the plot have been brought to justice.

There is also an intimation that would lead to the belief that some people in Northern California had a hand in the plot and that others living in the vicinity of Granite Hill and Grant's Pass knew more about the murder than they have told. So thoroughly sure of this is District Attorney Reames that he has never ceased investigating the murder. He admitted several days ago that he was not satisfied that he had all of the guilty parties under arrest and that he was still trying to solve the killing of Jennings. He is thoroughly convinced that he has in Jasper Jennings the person who actually did the murder and in Dora a party of the crime, but he also confessed that he was firmly convinced there were others who were holding back important knowledge and knew that murder was to be committed. If these facts do not come out during Dora's trial, it is believed if Jasper is denied an appeal that he will clear up the whole mystery.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 20.—W. H. White, better known as "Kid" White, the 19-year-old murderer who will die at Walla Walla on next Friday, will be followed to the gallows by a tiny kitten that is his companion in the death cell. White has asked Warden Kees to allow him to keep the kitten with him to the end and the warden granted his permission. White wants the kitten with him on the gallows when he pays the penalty of his crime. White says it is the only friend he has.

White saw the kitten halfstarved and homeless wandering outside the county jail in Seattle, while here awaiting the disposition of his case in the courts. He asked Jailor Wise to bring the kitten to his cell and he would care for it. Wise went outside and got the kitten, after that it was kept in White's cell and he shared his prison fare with it. It would not take food from any one else or go near any one except the boy murderer. When he was taken to the penitentiary he was allowed to carry it on the trip huddled inside his jacket. In the death cell he has taken good care of it.

White is sentenced to death for killing Matthew Murphy, 18 months ago, while he and a companion were holding up a saloon. He shot Murphy because he did not get his hands up quick enough. Strong effort has been made to save White because of his youth, but the governor declares he will not interfere with the execution of the law.

Philadelphia, Jan. 19.—A powerful magnet will be used tomorrow at a hospital here in an effort to draw a piece of steel from the brain of John Nail, of Winston, N. C. While Nail was at work in a machine shop six months ago, a piece of metal penetrated his skull over the right ear. It was drawn out, but a splinter of steel remains in the brain. Recently he arrived here, and physicians with X-ray found the bit of steel. The skull was opened and there was hemorrhage. That made it impossible to proceed. The magnet will be applied to Nail's head tomorrow to draw out the piece of steel.

## CHOLERA INFANTUM.

Child Not Expected to Live from One Hour to Another, but Cured by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Ruth, the little daughter of E. N. Dewey of Agnewville, Va., was seriously ill with cholera infantum last summer. "We gave her up and did not expect her to live from one hour to another," he says. "It happened to think of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and got a bottle of it from the store. In five hours I saw a change for the better. We kept on giving it and before she had taken the half of one small bottle she was well." This remedy is for sale by Graham & Wortham.

## PANIC IN CHURCH

INMATES RUSH FOR THE  
DOOR AND ARE JAMMED  
IN NARROW STAIRWAY.

Eighteen Are Suffocated and Many  
Trampled Under Feet—Woman's  
Shriek of "Fire"  
Causes the Panic.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—A wild panic following a loud shout of "Fire!" brought death to 18 colored persons and injuries to nearly two-score of others tonight in St. Paul's Baptist church on the west side of Eighth street, between Poplar street and Girard avenue. The terrible rush to gain the street was of brief duration, and that more were not killed in the stampede probably was due to the fact that the church was not crowded.

At the time the disaster occurred not more than 300 persons were on the second floor of the building, which, with the gallery, was capable of accommodating 600 to 700. The fire was a trifling one and was extinguished before the firemen arrived. The smell of smoke added to the panic, and despite the heroic work of Rev. Mr. Johnson, pastor of the church, who tried in vain to allay the fears of the frightened worshippers, rush to leave the church only to be choked upon the narrow stairway.

Those in the rear leaped over the prostrate forms of those who fell, and when the rush was over, 18 lay dead on the first floor and stairs of the building. Death in nearly every case was due to suffocation or trampling.

The disaster occurred while a collection was being taken up. The pastor had just concluded his sermon, "Why sit we here until we die?"

When the rush started those in the rear of the church did not fully realize what was wrong and were slow to move. The frantic shrieking of the women and children became louder and more general, and many were knocked down in the two aisles of the church. Then came the terrible rush down the stairs. For some unknown reason everybody tried to get down the left side of the building, comparatively few attempting to leave by the right stairway.

One eye-witness says that perhaps a dozen persons got safely down the stairs, when several people tripped and fell and caused the narrow way to become jammed. Several men on the first floor attempted to hold the people back, but were knocked down and then the human stream came tumbling down. The weaker ones fell only to be trampled upon by those coming from behind.

The horrible shrieks sent up by the prostrate persons added to the confusion, and by this time even the cooler ones in the rear of the fighting mass—men, women and children—became terror-stricken. Strong men, in fear that the building was falling, leaped over the

heads of women and children and fought only for their own safety.

The terrific crush in the bends of the stairs became so great that the balustrade, which was only a frail wooden affair gave way. There was a terrific crash as half a hundred persons were precipitated to the floor, a distance of about ten or twelve feet. This heightened the intensity of the panic and the rush was turned into an awful jam.

The pastor of the church, a man of powerful physique and strong voice, continued to appeal to the crowd in the rear to stop their rush, but none would heed. Over the prostrate forms the crowd swarmed, crushing the life out of those who were unable to extricate themselves. In the confusion some of the worshippers thought of the narrow door on the right side of the pulpit, and made a quick exit that way, which action on their part probably saved the lives of a number of those who had been caught in the crush.

When those who came down the front stairs had left the building a terrible sight presented itself to the rescuers. The first floor and stairway to the bend were covered three deep with the dead and dying. On the streets hundreds were shrieking for help.

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Los Angeles, Jan. 20.—Manuel Samura, a Mexican laborer, is dead with a bullet hole through his neck, "Paddy" Fitzpatrick lies in the receiving hospital with three serious knife wounds inflicted by Samura, Surveyor Cawthorne is nursing a badly-cut wrist and several men have lesser cuts and scratches, all the result of Samura running amuck in the grading camp at the corner of North State and Judson streets, Brooklyn Heights, today.

Samura had been hanging around the camp for several days and had been engaged to start into work with the grading crew this afternoon. It is said that after the most of the men had been seated at the mess table at the noon meal today Samura went in and made objections to the seat assigned to him. He was forced into the seat by some one and then the trouble began.

Samura whipped out an ugly-looking hunting knife and began slashing right and left. Fitzpatrick was sitting next to him and Samura slashed him in the shoulder, hip and side. The wounds are all serious. The Mexican then turned and ran down the length of the long table slashing at every man he could reach. Cawthorne was slashed across the wrist and Timekeeper Brown was cut in the arm. Others were slightly cut.

Foreman Ryan met the man outside and ordered him to throw down his knife. Then Samura started for Ryan with knife uplifted and Ryan shot him in the neck, inflicting a wound from which he died shortly afterward.

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